

Romansville Friends' Meetinghouse Sheds
East side of County Road 15075,
.1 mi. North of County Road 15180
Coatesville vicinity
Chester County
Pennsylvania

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Present Owner: It is under Sadsbury Monthly Meeting - Elizabeth W. Spackman, Correspondent, Hill Farm, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.

Statement of Significance: These mid-19th century horse sheds of a Quaker Church remain unchanged.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: It is under Sadsbury Monthly Meeting - Elizabeth W. Spackman, Correspondent, Hill Farm, Coatesville, Pennsylvania.
2. Date of erection: 1846
3. Architect, Builder, suppliers etc.: Unknown.
4. Original plans, construction etc.: Unknown.
5. Alterations and additions: None.
6. Important old views and references:
 - a. Views: None known.
 - b. References: Clipping and manuscript files in the Chester County Historical Society under heading: West Bradford Township. Churches - Society of Friends - Romansville.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated:

None known.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: Although no original plans are known, these Horse Sheds have had no alterations or additions.

2. Condition of fabric: Excellent.

B. Description of Exterior:

1. Over-all dimensions: 72' (eight-bay front) x 14'; one story.
2. Foundations: The foundations are of stone and extend the entire length on the north side at a thickness of 1'-11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". The thickness of the east and west sections vary from 1'9" at the northeast and northwest corners to 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ " on the southeast and southwest corners.
3. Wall construction: Frame construction of vertical siding, approximately 12' width.
4. Chimneys: None.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Entire south front open.
 - b. Windows and shutters: None.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: A new low pitch, wooden shingle roof exists.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Original.
 - c. Dormers: None.

C. Description of Interior:

1. Floor plans: The Sheds are divided into eight stalls which are 13'-7" by 8'-4". The end post used in partitioning the sheds is 6" by 6" while the connecting wooden members are 4" by 3". Large wooden pegs and iron nails have been used in the construction.
2. Flooring: Earth.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: The sheds are situated directly on County Road # 15075 with the open south front facing away from the road.
2. Enclosures: A graveyard is located to the east of the Sheds while the Meetinghouse is on the west side. The area of

land taken up by them is approximately three acres.

3. Outbuildings: None.
4. Walks, driveways etc.: An unpaved driveway exists leading to the Meetinghouse but there are no other set walks or driveways.
5. Landscaping, gardens etc.: The graveyard dates from the early 19th century and is extremely well-maintained. A straight line of large pine trees serves as the border between the graveyard and the Meetinghouse Sheds. The general surrounding landscape is rural with random trees and shrubs as well as boxwood in the graveyard.

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